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Dear Ms. Hesse,

Thank you so much for considering comments from the consumer in your deliberation of the Microsoft antitrust suit. What may have begun as a test of modern day antitrust law has become a corrupt forum for corporate lobbyists. It seems as though this suit has gone strangely awry, focusing on corporate influence and loopholes rather than law.

The speed of advancement in the tech sector today is scarcely confinable by current antitrust law. Microsoft's competition may have gained better results at challenging antiquated antitrust law rather than Microsoft's specific business practices.

The abuse of corporate power in this case certainly dispels any merited changes to current law. Paradoxically, the competition hemmed themselves in to more government scrutiny rather than gaining a leg up on Microsoft.

Quiet, prompt settlement is the most graceful exit from such poorly intentioned litigation.

Sincerely,



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